

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 3 are now pending in this application and have been amended to more particularly define the invention. Claims 1, 4, 6, and 8 have been cancelled in the interest of expediting prosecution. Non-elected claims 5, 7, and 9 have also been canceled, reserving the right to submit those claims in a divisional application.

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only to assure grammatical and idiomatic English and improved form under United States practice, and are not made to distinguish the invention over the prior art or narrow the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Claims 1-4, 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Purcell, U.S. Patent No. 5,940,807. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The claimed invention is directed to a network transacting method which enables a trader to present information about intellectual property or industrial property. Each embodiment of the invention enables the trader to present a sale offer to a buyer. Further, each embodiment of the invention enables the trader to complete the purchase of industrial property or intellectual property from a seller, to file an application for a patent on intellectual property, and to sell the industrial property or intellectual property to a buyer.

The claimed invention thus allows a trader to provide a purchase offer for intellectual property on which no patent application has been filed, purchase the intellectual property, file a patent application, and disclose information relating to the intellectual property at the

trader's terminal unit.

Since the trader files an application for a patent and transfers the record of ownership of the intellectual property to the buyer at the Patent Office, both the seller and the buyer are relieved of this effort.

Purcell discloses an inventory information exchange system in which approved sellers are granted limited access to the system, providing such sellers with the capability of adding, amending, or deleting portions of the seller's inventory information, and approved buyers are granted limited access to the system, providing such buyers with the capability of accessing the buyer's listing for reviewing products and services of interest to the buyer. See Purcell at column 3, line 57 to column 4, line 4. Such a system is no more than a general transaction system using the Internet.

Purcell does not even suggest causing a trader to purchase intellectual property for which no patent application has been filed, and to file an application for a patent on the intellectual property. Purcell relates to inventory information regarding products and services, and not to patents.

Each of the claims of the present application relates to the trader filing an application for a patent on intellectual property. Thus, each of the claims distinguishes patentably from Purcell.

Further, Purcell enables approved sellers to have inventory information on the system in areas that contain their information alone. In contrast, in the claimed invention, the trader is the only one to post information about products and services on the system.

It is accordingly submitted that the claims distinguish patentably from Purcell and are

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allowable.

A minor error has been corrected in the specification, without affecting the scope of the disclosure.

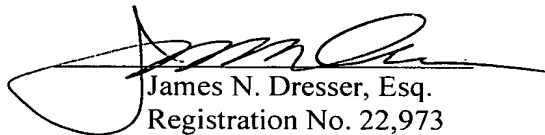
In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 2 and 3, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are allowable, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action would be appreciated.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary for allowance in a telephonic or personal interview.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, including extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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